

CLAIMS

1. A card holding structure in a portable terminal apparatus, for fitting a card by sliding and for holding the card, comprising:

5 a card connector fixed in a card fitting portion provided inside a housing of the portable terminal apparatus;

a holding portion provided in a front portion, as viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector, and holding a front portion of the card; and

10 an inner wall surface of a cover for the housing of the portable terminal apparatus, said inner wall surface holding a rear portion of the card.

2. The card holding structure according to claim 1, wherein said card connector has two sets of contact portions
15 which are respectively disposed at forward and rearward positions in the card sliding direction, so as to establish electrical contact with the card.

3. The card holding structure according to claim 1, wherein the card fitting portion includes a recessed portion
20 recessed in an inner surface of the housing, and a sliding movement of the card is guided by side wall surfaces of the recessed portion.

4. The card holding structure according to claim 3, wherein the card fitting portion includes a housing-side
25 stopper formed by a resilient piece having an end fixed to the card fitting portion.

